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FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, TH

SUBJECT: PETROLEUM: PIPELINE PIPEDREAM

REF: A) BANGKOK 13373 (NOTAL) B) BANGKOK 18202 (NOTAL)

1. "NATION" REPORTED NOV. 14 THAT MINISTER OF INDUSTRY SURIN WILL DEPART FOR U.S. NOV. 18 TO NEGOTIATE WITH UNION OIL CONSTRUCTION OF NATURAL GAS PIPELINE FROM UNION WELLS IN GULF OF SIAM TO BANGKOK. BANGKOK " POST" ADDED THAT SURIN AND PARTY WILL ALSO VISIT JAPAN, THE UK, THE NETHERLANDS, AND IRAN TO URGE FOREIGN FIRMS TO INVEST IN THAI OIL EXPLORATION. "POST" ADDED THAT FOREIGN OIL FIRMS HAVE BECOME RELUCTANT TO PURSUE OPERATIONS HERE "DUE TO POLITICAL UPHEAVALS IN THE COUNTRY AND STUDENT OPPOSITION TO FOREIGN INVESTMENT."

2. UNION OIL OFFICIAL (PALMER) CONFIRMED SURIN WILL MEET WITH COMPANY EXECUTIVES IN U.S. TO DISCUSS EXPLORATION PROSPECTS, BUT SAID UNION HAS NO RPT NO PRESENT PLANS TO EXPLOIT  
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GAS OR CRUDE OIL DEPOSITS LOCATED TO DATE. (HE ESTIMATED

COST TO CONSTRUCT PIPELINE FROM UNION WILL 95 MILES OFF  
SHORE WOULD BE ABOUT \$1 MILLION PER MILE.) PALMER SAID  
UNION REMAINS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT PROSPECTS IN GULF OF SIAM  
BUT THAT, LIKE OTHER FIRMS INVOLVED WILL PROBABLY HAVE  
REDUCED DRILLING BUDGET FOR GULF OPERATIONS IN 1976 AS  
RESULT CHANGES IN U.S. FOREIGN TAX CREDIT LAWS.  
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